

REMARKS

Introductory Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 21-34 and 153-159 have been cancelled by the subject amendment. Applicant believes that the new claims distinguish over the cited prior art and respectfully requests reexamination of the pending claims.

Remarks Regarding The Claims

Claims 21-34 and 153-163 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-160 and 164-172 are cancelled, claims 160-163 are allowed, and new claims 173-214 have been added. Applicant will not address the cited prior art at this time because none of the identical claims examined remain in the subject application.

Applicant notes the Examiner's statement that claims 160-163 are allowable over the art of record. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

Closing Remarks

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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